



H.R. 7910, the Protecting Our Kids Act Fact Sheet

Today more people are carrying guns in America, legally and illegally, than ever, and mass shootings are a common occurrence. Today, there are nearly 400 million firearms circulating in America—more guns than people—and gun violence is responsible for more than 40,000 deaths every year. In recent weeks, 31 people have been murdered and another 20 injured at the hands of two 18-year-olds legally armed with semiautomatic assault rifles. These latest attacks primarily targeted the most vulnerable of our communities – the young and the elderly.

With so many guns on the street, Congress must insist on commonsense strategies to effectively reduce gun violence across the country by promoting safe storage of firearms, addressing do-it-yourself ghost guns and bump stocks, strengthening gun laws that allow guns to be trafficked from state to state, and raising the age that certain semiautomatic firearms can lawfully be possessed.

H.R. 7910, the Protecting Our Kids Act, embodies proposals by various Members that together will reduce the violence Americans have suffered from guns in our communities.

H.R. 7910 would:

- Raise the lawful age to purchase certain semiautomatic centerfire rifles from 18 to 21 years old
- Establish a new federal offense for the import, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession of a large capacity magazines, with exceptions for certain law enforcement uses and the possession (but not sale) of grandfathered magazines; allow state and local governments to use the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to compensate individuals who surrender large capacity magazines through a buyback program
- Establish new federal offenses for gun trafficking and straw purchasers and authorize seizure of the property and proceeds of the offense
- Establish voluntary best practices for safe firearm storage; require most firearms to include a label that says “Safe Storage Saves Lives”; require dealers to provide a secure gun storage or safety device with the sale of a shotgun or rifle (as already required for handguns); and award grants for Safe Firearm Storage Assistance Programs
- Establish requirements to regulate the storage of firearms on residential premises and create criminal penalties for violation of the requirements
- Build on ATF’s regulatory bump stock ban by listing bump stocks under the National Firearms Act (like machineguns) and statutorily banning the manufacture, sale, or possession of bump stocks for civilian use
- Build on ATF’s regulatory ban of ghost guns by ensuring that ghost guns are subject to existing federal firearm regulation by amending the definition of “firearm” to include gun kits and partial receivers and changing the definition of “manufacturing firearms” to include assembling firearms using 3D printing

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